



ARIZONA COWPUNCHERS REUNION ASSOCIATION
APRIL 2011 NEWSLETTER
 June 16-19th, 2011 Rodeo Entries Enclosed
 Results from the April 9th & 10th Team Roping and Rodeo

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Most of you have heard the old saying "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink". Well, that rather applies to this newsletter. I can mail these newsletters to you, but I can't make you read them! I hope that you do though, because there is important information in each newsletter that applies to all members. The number one reason that members do not know what is going on is that they choose not to read the newsletter. So go on, try it and you will be surprised what you'll learn! (Then tape it to the frig so you won't lose it).

You can also stay informed by checking out our new website at www.azcowpunchers.com, or visit our face book page. I'd like to thank Tad Sproul for all his work creating the website. We hope this new website will be helpful to the membership. You can find the newsletters, event information, dates, results, and contact information on the website along with some cool pictures.

APRIL 9 & 10, 2011

ACRA Spring Rodeo Team Roping & Bronc Riding Results

There was a good turn out from the membership at this event, but not as good of a gate as we had hoped for the rodeo performance due to the bad weather. Those of us from up north were looking forward to warming up in Wickenburg for the weekend, but no such luck! 754 teams competed in the ropings, along with 16 Bronc Riders, 12 Steer Riders, 12 Calf Branding teams, 4 Wild Horse Race teams, and 10 Wild Cow Milking teams in the rodeo performance.

Matt Shiew took home the buckle and \$1050 for winning the Bronc Riding with a score of 70 pts. Jim Shiew had bought Matt in the Calcutta Auction, which paid him \$990. Splitting 2nd/3rd was Huckleberry Sandsness and Miles Dewitt with a 66 paying them \$525 each. Jeb Johnson had bought Miles, and Jimmer Fancher had bought Huckleberry, which paid them each \$490.

The team of Dillon, Trey, and Cooper Dewitt won the Wild Horse Race, which paid them \$120 each. Sam Miller had purchased the winning team in the Calcutta and that paid him \$455. Thanks to all the Calcutta buyers and bidders who braved the rain and cold to participate in the auction. Your support is appreciated! Clay Rodgers, Ed & Everett Ashurst, and Vic Howell smoked the field in the Calf Branding and won \$180 each. The Wild Cow Milking team of Tom and Tom Bill Johnson, along with Shawn Gross took first which paid them \$150 each. Payden Dollarhide's 74 pt ride won him the buckle and \$70 in the Steer Riding. Carter Johnston won second with 72 pts paying him \$50.

A big thanks goes out to Dr. Jim Lytle, and Bruce Meiers of Ben's Saddlery for sponsoring the buckles. Thanks to the stock contractors, Board of Directors, chute help, office help, judges, flaggers, announcers, and all the rest of you that helped make the rodeo performance possible. Great Job!

Team Roping Results

Sat., April 9th

Century

- 1st Go Round
- 1st Mike Hughes/Fred Davis 7.66, \$70
- Average
- 1st Mike Hughes/Fred Davis 27.12, \$250
- 2nd Mike Hughes/ Clay Tyree 29.19, \$190
- 3rd Dale Tecklenburg/Fred Davis 30.28, \$125
- 4th Ed Ashurst /Fred Davis 34.55, \$65

16 & Under Mixed (#9 Inc.)

- 1st Go Round
- 1st Manuel Murrietta/Devyn Cordova 6.17, \$55
- 2nd Lindsay Hughes/Ethan Crockett 7.66, \$35
- Average
- 1st Christina & Sam Gould 31.33, \$310
- 2nd Noel Tyree /Clay Tyree 31.38, \$215
- 3rd Valerie Howell /Tom Bill Johnson 32.12, \$150
- 4th Toni Tyree/Steve Hampton 32.42, \$100
- 5th Beth Hughes/Manuel Murrietta 32.94, \$55

#9 Incentive (40 tms)

Average

1st Christina & Sam Gould 31.33, \$200

2nd Ed Ashurst /Lynn Kimble 37.01, \$120

3rd Creek Newman/Everett Ashurst 25.77 on 2, \$75

Pick One/Draw One (#9 Inc.)

1st Go Round

1st Pete Magill/Garrison Dewitt 6.86, \$80

2nd Steve Hampton /Brian Hampton 6.95, \$50

3rd Pete Magill /Shawn Gross 7.11, \$30

Average

1st Jeb Johnson/Shawn Gross 22.92, \$435

2nd Steve & Brian Hampton 23.40, \$350

3rd Ed Ashurst/Tom Bill Johnson 25.46, \$260

4th Ed & Everett Ashurst 26.10, \$190

5th Travis Shiew/Beau Billingslea 27.44, \$130

6th Mike Hughes/Fred Davis 28.66, \$85.

#9 Incentive, 29 tms,

Average

1st Hambrick/ Hambrick 16.73 on 2, \$415,

2nd Tom Johnson /Ed Ashurst 20.57 on 2, \$275.

Sunday, April 10th

Team Tying, 52 tms

1st Go Round

1st Everett & Ed Ashurst 12.33, \$135.

Average

1st Everett & Ed Ashurst 25.10, \$625

2nd Rick Kieckhefer /Ivan Stuart 33.73, \$375

3rd Ben Shiew/Terry Blackmore 36.78, \$250.

12 & Under

1st Go Round

1st Carter & Chester Johnston 11.33, \$25

2nd Ben Salcito /Brett Behrends 12.36, \$15.

Average

1st Ben Salcito/Brett Behrends 24.89, \$145

2nd Kasey Looper /Ethan Levin 27.24, \$110

3rd Steve Hampton /Ethan Levin 28.16, \$75

4th Jack Fuller/Ethan Levin 29.97, \$40.

All Girl

1st Go Round

1st Tammy Murrietta/Lynn Kimble 8.37, \$40

2nd Allison Resor/Devyn Cordova 8.38, \$30

Average

1st Tammy Murrietta/Lynn Kimble 17.01, \$260

2nd Lindsey Hughes/Cassie Dewitt 17.08, \$195

3rd Bonnie Tyree/Jennifer Hill 18.85, \$130

4th Allison Resor/ Devyn Cordova 22.23, \$65.

Century

1st Go Round

1st Mike Hughes/Fred Davis 6.85, \$30

2nd Vic Howell/ Mike Hughes 6.99, \$20.

Average

1st Barry Brashears/Mike Hughes 23.24, \$195

2nd Mike Lutch /Huck Sandsness 23.77, \$145

3rd Terry Blackmore /Beau Billingslea 25.60, \$100

4th Ed Ashurst/Tom Bill Johnson 26.19, \$50

16 & Under Mixed (#9 Inc.)

1st Go Round

1st Cassie Hambrick/Travis Ericsson 7.15, \$55

2nd Beth Hughes/Manuel Murrietta 7.32, \$35

3rd Christina Gould /Tom Bill Johnson 7.36, \$25.

Average

1st Christina Gould/Tom Bill Johnson 23.04, \$310

2nd Cassie Hambrick/Brian Hampton 24.66, \$245

3rd Logan Anderson /Cassie Dewitt 28.30, \$185

4th Jenny Lutch /Tom Bill Johnson 30.15, \$132

5th Marlo Compton/Fred Davis 30.19, \$90

6th Lindsey Hughes/Rick Anderson 30.89, \$60.

#9 Incentive

Average

1st Logan Anderson/Cassie Dewitt 28.30, \$180

2nd Dawson Byrne/Brett Behrends 35.81, \$125

3rd Rick & Debi Anderson 39.34, \$85

4th Kasey Looper/Jennifer Hill 41.70, \$60
5th Alex Behrends/Majerle Jones 42.66, \$35.

Pick One/Draw One (#9 Inc.)

1st Go Round

1st Toby Foote/Chance Kelton 5.81, \$50

2nd Ben Shiew/ Travis Ericsson 6.39, \$35.

Average

1st Toby Foote/Chance Kelton 21.75, \$225

2nd Steve & Brian Hampton 21.86, \$180

3rd Cassie Hambrick /Travis Ericsson 23.05, \$135

4th Alex Behrends/Huck Sandsness 23.82, \$100

5th Kasey Looper/Tom Bill Johnson 25.80, \$70

6th Miles Dewitt/Brian Hampton 27.18, \$45.

#9 Incentive

Average

1st Toby Foote/Clay Rodgers 46.71, \$215

2nd Vic Howell/ Brett Behrends 47.76, \$145

(Monies paid each) Congratulations to all the winners!

Lost & Found

A silver mounted Bob Curtis trophy bit was lost April 10th at the Everett Bowman Rodeo Arena. If you found this bit, please contact the rodeo secretary so we can return it to the rightful owner. Thank you.

2011 RODEO DEDICATIONS

The 2011 Arizona Cowpunchers Reunion Rodeo has three dedicatees this year. There are so many who are deserving of the honor that it is hard to choose only one. We are proud to honor at this year's rodeo, Jim Marler, Bill Shiew, and Scott and Linda Dieringer. We sincerely appreciate all they have done for the association over the years, and they are true representatives of Arizona Cowpunchers.

Rodeo Entries

As you all know, the rodeo is earlier this year, which means you are receiving entry forms earlier, and will need to return them much sooner. **Entry forms must be postmarked by May 25th, 2011.**

No changes/refunds on your entries will be accepted/given after June 8th, 2011 unless due to medical reasons.

Please make copies of the entry forms if you need extras. (You may print them off the website also). **Please do not put more than one person on an entry form.** Each person needs an entry form in **his or her name**, and the **waiver signed at the bottom** of the form. (*Children and spouses need their own entry form with waiver at the bottom signed by themselves or a parent*). Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

A family may send one check or money order for their total fees, just don't pay other partners fees with your form or I end up with lots of double paid entries. If you send a money order please fill it out, do not send it blank. For your protection and mine, please do not send cash through the mail.

Double check that all blanks are filled in and totals are correct. (The little girls in the ribbon roping have to pay entry fees too)! **Wives who are competing must have paid annual membership dues.** If yours is the name at the top of the entry form, you only need to list your partners in the blanks below, not yourself.

*Please, note we are still using USTRC Triad numbers only. If you do not have a number please contact Jack Fuller at 928-692-8465, or 928-716-3589 to have a number assigned. It does not cost anything. Please do not give yourself or others a number, as we would like to keep the numbering consistent. We **are not** using World Series numbers at this time. Please call partners ahead of time to make sure they still want to rope, it saves having to make changes later. **Know your partner's number!** Since you are calling them anyway to see if they still want to rope, just ask what their number is, simple!

Your competing age is your age at the time of the rodeo. Please **read** and **know** the event rules!

If you need any help at all filling out your entry form, please call the rodeo secretary, I would be glad to help.
928-853-6495

Rodeo Directors:

Rough Stock: Gary Halford/ Marty Byrne

Roping Events-Steers: Logan Anderson/Jack Fuller

Roping Events-Cows & Calves: Clay Rodgers/Logan Anderson

Dance Chairmen: David Blackmore/Brian Hampton

Gate Chairmen: Trina Runston/Jack Fuller

Calcutta Chairmen: Jack Fuller/Trina Runston

Grounds Chairman: Jack Fuller

Grand Entry: Brian Hampton

If you have questions concerning rodeo events, rules...please contact the directors above or the rodeo secretary.

Bad Check Policy

This policy was adopted and advertised by the Board of Directors in the April 2010 newsletter. A bad check, (total of check plus the bank charge) must be paid with money order or cash within 30 days. Checks will no longer be accepted from anyone writing a bad check. If not paid within 30 days membership will be revoked.

Williams Motel Information

The following motels are supporters of the Arizona Cowpunchers Reunion Association. They have offered discounted rates, donated rooms for us, or sponsored our rodeo. When making reservations say you are with the Arizona Cowpunchers Association. Please remember they only have a certain number of rooms available at discounted rates; when they are gone regular rates apply. These discounts only apply to card holding ACRA members.

Grand Canyon Railway: 928-635-4010

Holiday Inn: 928-635-4114

Fairfield Inn: 928-635-9888

Motel 6 West: 928-635-9000

Motel 6 East: 928-635-4465

Days Inn: 928-635-4051

If you stay at these motels, please thank them for their support.

Speaking of sponsors, we have many awesome ones! Without them, our rodeo would not be possible. Whenever you get a chance to frequent their businesses, please thank them for their support. You can view a list of sponsors on our website, or find them in the rodeo program.

Rodeo Program and Poster

Artist Shawn Cameron has graciously let us use her artwork for our program and poster this year. Featured on the poster is the piece "Gathering Adobe Pasture". We appreciate Shawn sharing her beautiful works of art with us once again. Thank you to all the members that submitted pictures, stories, and artwork of your own. This is what makes our program special. A big thank you goes out to Cheryl Taylor for all the work she puts into designing the program and poster for us, and using her pictures. A special thanks to Melissa Cameron for her work in gathering all the information that goes into the program.

RODEO REMINDERS

Do not forget to carry your ACRA membership card with you at the rodeo or you may be charged to get in the gate. Tiffany and John Herman and their crew do an awesome job at the gate for us, but they cannot possibly remember all the membership, so carry your card! It will get you in and immediate family (Example: a spouse, your children). It does not apply to friends or extended family. In addition, when camping please do not take trash dumpsters to your camp, and do not block them when you park. Trucks must have access to dump them. Please do not block access to the port-a-jons, or throw trash in the port-a-jons. Be aware of where you park. We need to keep lanes open so emergency vehicles can get through if needed. Please do not block roads or gates, especially the ones around the office area (We do get to leave at some point). Please watch for markers, there will be spectator and handicapped parking areas marked. Your help will make things run more smoothly and keep the grounds more organized. Thank You!

As you know, it is ILLEGAL to bring your own alcohol into the fenced area where alcohol is sold. It is also illegal to take alcohol purchased outside this fenced area. Please be respectful of these laws. We will probably be doing the ID bracelets again this year. This was a huge help to the Yavapai Sheriff Posse working the beer stand. It is only a minor inconvenience on your part, and we sincerely appreciate your cooperation.

One more reminder, please help us keep the area where contestants wait horseback to enter the arena clear of foot traffic. Spectators watch you go through there and follow thinking it is the way to go. Not Safe! Please keep your small children out of this area also.

We are the Arizona Cowpunchers, so please dress appropriately while competing in the arena. Boots must be worn while horseback, and shorts are never allowed in the arena, even children. Runners have been given the choice of footwear during the ribbon roping, but keep in mind old horseshoes with nails, spurs, among other things are turned up in the arena, so please use caution. Runners in the Wild Cow Milking must wear boots, even women. We are looking forward to another safe and successful rodeo and we appreciate the help and cooperation we receive from the membership.

RODEO WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 16th: Jackpot Team Roping

Books open Noon, rope at 1:00 p.m., **Enter Cash Only**

Pick One/Draw One, #13 with #9 Inc., \$50 per roper Enter 2X (enter 2x get 4 partners) 3 steer progressive.

Must be current ACRA member, or child under 18 of a current member. Do not have to be entered in the rodeo.

Friday, June 17th: Rodeo slack begins at 6:50 a.m.

Century-All Entries

Team Tying-All Entries

Both Ends Over 60-All Entries

Gymkhana-8 a.m.

Rodeo Performance-1 p.m.

Friday after performance slack: **Ribbon Roping**-Any teams not in performances

Dally Calf Roping-Any entrant not in performances

Dance-9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the tan barn, Band: Latigo

Saturday, June 18th: Rodeo Slack begins 6:50 a.m.

16 & Under Mixed-All Entries

All Girl-Any teams not in performance

12 & Under-Any teams not in performance.

ACRA Membership Meeting in the tan barn immediately following the morning slack.

Dummy Roping-Enter 10:30, rope 11:00

Rodeo Performance-1 p.m.

Saturday After Performance Slack-Wild Cow Milking-Any teams not in performance.

Charity Calcutta Auction-6:30 p.m. under tent next to tan barn. Bronc Riders and Calcutta Teams will sell.

Dance-9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in tan barn, Band: Latigo

Sunday, June 19th:

Calcutta Team Roping 8 a.m.

Church Service-10 a.m. in the tan barn

Rodeo Performance-1 p.m.

Awards Ceremony-After final performance.

Calcutta Team Roping

Participants must be current ACRA members, or child under 18 of a current member. Do not have to be entered in the rodeo. This is a **pre-enter** roping. Entries will open **Thurs. the 16th**, and close on **Sat. the 18th at 1p.m.** Roping is 5 steer progressive, capped at a #13 with #9 Inc. **Enter 1X for \$100 per roper (Cash Only).** Teams will sell Sat. evening at the Calcutta Auction. **Rope Sun. 8 a.m.**

ACRA Gymkhana

Fri., June 17th at 8 a.m. Gymkhana is pre-entered, see enclosed form. Return entries to address on the form; please do not send gymkhana entries to the rodeo secretary. This is **not** an open event, just like the rodeo, participation is limited to children of ACRA members, or must hold their own card. For more info, call Wendy Cavalliere at 928-530-7677, or wcavalliere@yahoo.com.

Membership Dues

Dues were payable on or before March 1st. They are now delinquent and \$50 per member. If not paid by June 1st membership will be revoked, and you will not be able to compete in the rodeo. If you have, or are turning 18 before the rodeo and did not submit an application for membership by March 1st, you do not qualify to compete in this year's rodeo.

If your address changes, please notify the rodeo secretary so you will continue to receive ACRA mailings.

Williams Feed and Pet Store

The Williams Feed and Pet Store has sponsored ½ of the hay for the annual Reunion Rodeo for several years now. They are once again offering a 10% discount on all purchases (except hay) for card holding ACRA members. They are located about 2 miles East of Williams. Exit off I-40 at the Garland Prairie Exit #167, go south approx 1/1 mi. to 283 Garland Prairie Rd. Give them a visit and thank them for supporting our rodeo.

Cowboys & Cowgirls Can Help Civitan Thrift and Trading Company

Clean out your closet, barn, and garage. Bring your gently used western wear and accessories to donate to the Civitan Foundation. Proceeds from the Civitan Thrift and Trading Co. go directly to support the Civitan Foundation, an organization dedicated to providing vital services to individuals with developmental disabilities. These services include summer camp in Williams, and many day treatments and training centers. Camp Civitan campers and staff are some of the Arizona Cowpunchers Reunion Rodeo's biggest fans. Their group attends the rodeo each year on Friday, and it is the highlight of their summer! The new western wear section of the store is their specialty section and they are looking to build inventory. Items such as western boots, hats, jeans, shirts, wild rags, belts, vests would all be welcomed. Bins will be placed at the rodeo grounds to collect items, or you can drop them off at the store, 129 W Route 66, Williams.